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This memo is to document ex parte contacts between the Federal Railroad Administration and representatives of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, the Canadian National Railway Company, and the Eastern Maine Railway Company.

In researching information for the Final Rule on Part 241, FRA contacted those railroads to determine the extent of hazardous materials shipments hauled by trains that operate over four U.S. track segments that are dispatched by dispatchers stationed in Canada. The railroads provided information on the types of commodities hauled as well as the amounts for 2001. In order to protect proprietary information, however, FRA is providing aggregate information. The total number of carloads of hazardous materials moving over each line, and the types of hazardous materials that comprise the bulk of these carloads, are as follows:

## Eastern Maine

Vanceboro, Maine, to Brownville Junction, Maine - 464 carloads

- 1) liquified petroleum gas
- 2) sodium hydroxide
- 3) sulphuric acid

## Canadian National

Sarnia, Ontario, to Port Huron, Michigan - 41,819 carloads

- 1) sulphuric acid
- 2) liquified petroleum gas
- 3) vinyl chloride
- 4) methanol
- 5) chlorine

Between Baudette, Minnesota, and International Boundary, Minnesota - 25,598 carloads

- 1) molten sulfur
- 2) caustic soda, solution

- 3) butadiene, inhibited
- 4) vinyl chloride
- 5) propane

Canadian Pacific

Windsor, Ontario, to Detroit, Michigan - 2,831 carloads

- 1) liquified petroleum gas
- 2) sulfuric acid
- 3) anhydrous ammonia
- 4) chlorine
- 5) sodium hydroxide